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BETHLEHEM TEMPLE CHURCH OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH, INC.

1432 SOUTH 13TH STREET
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA 47802

THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

"Having, therefore, obtained help from God, we continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come." (Acts 26:22)

In 1917 the late Bishop G. T. Haywood was led of God to conduct a tent meeting in Terre Haute, Ind. God blessed in this revival and several souls were saved. After the meeting Bishop Haywood left one of his co-workers, Sister Della Walker, to continue the work which he had started. In a few months Sister Walker and saints established a small mission known as the Apostolic Faith Church located at 13 1/2 and Putnam Streets. Several revivals and tent meetings were conducted by the late Bishops Oscar Saunders and Rayl. Elder W. O. Edington of our city also assisted the church during this time. The congregation continued to increase and soon began to outgrow the small mission.

In 1921 Bishop Haywood sent Elder Charles Gordon of Grand Rapids, Mich., to Terre Haute to become the first official pastor of the church. Within a few months God blessed the congregation to move to another location on 13 1/2 and Dean Streets where it remained for approximately two years. In 1923 the church was moved to its present site on 13th Street and Washington Ave., but in a different building. The congregation occupied one half of the wood frame building and a pool hall was on the other side. Through prayers and supplications God soon blessed the church to tear down the middle partition and to occupy the whole building. Several of our senior saints were saved under the pastorate of Elder Charles Gordon who served until 1928. At that time, the late Sister Estelle Fuqua became pastor and served in this capacity for nearly two years until her death. The late Elder James Tolbert of Michigan succeeded Sister Fuqua as pastor and served for approximately two years.

Elder Ernest L. Jackson of Kansas, Mo., was sent by Bishop Haywood to pastor the church in 1930. Under his administration the name of the church was changed from Apostolic Faith Church to Bethlehem Temple Church. Elder Jackson served approximately five years and was succeeded by Elder Curtis Moore of Detroit, Mich. in 1936. Elder Moore served as pastor until his death in 1944, at which time Elder Esau Baker was elected pastor by the congregation and served in the capacity for one year. In 1945 Elder Tyree Gordon was appointed pastor by the late Elder Samuel Johnson and served for two years.

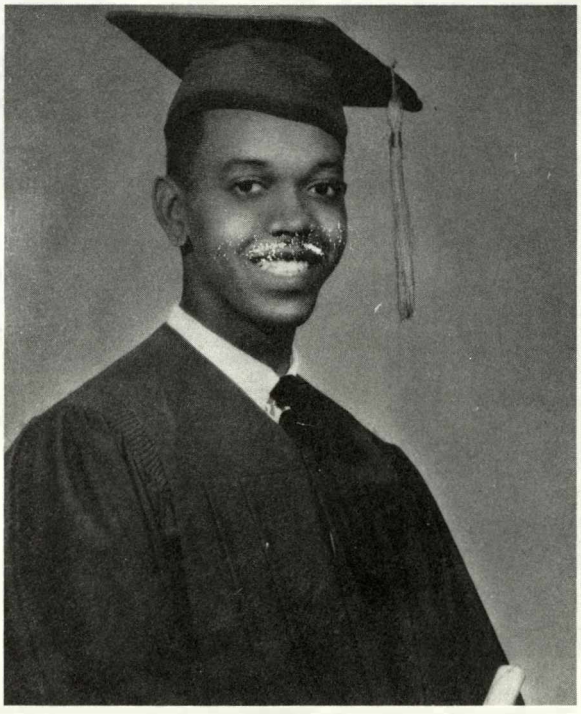
In 1948 Elder Melvin Bateman of St. Louis, Mo. was appointed pastor. Under his leadership the former wood frame structure was demolished and plans were formulated for a new building. The congregation worshipped in the dining hall annex while the building was being constructed. The foundation of the new building was laid in 1952. Although Elder Bateman resigned before the completion of the building, God blessed the brethren of the church to complete the work. In 1955 the late Elder Andrew Ingram of Terre Haute was appointed acting pastor. He was assisted by Evangelist Ida Nolan and Elder Tyree Gordon.

In 1957 Elder Stanley Halton of Jackson, Mich. was inspired of God to visit our city, a place he had never been before. During his first visit to the city he met one of the brethren quite unexpectedly in a gas station. Within a few weeks after his initial visit Elder Halton was elected pastor and served faithfully for twelve years. Under his leadership new carpeting and pews were installed in the church, a new gas furnace was purchased, and the dining hall enlarged. Before his departure in 1969 Bishop Halton asked District Elder Jester Purnell of Chicago, Ill., to become our pastor. Under the leadership of our pastor the church has made tremendous progress, both spiritually and naturally. The church was incorporated and the name changed to Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. In October 1969 the church signed a contract with radio station WBOW for a thirty minute broadcast every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. This broadcast continues every week in hope of drawing lost souls to Christ. One major accomplishment of our pastor was the adjoining of the church and dining hall into one edifice. Included in the remodeling was the addition of new Sunday School rooms and restrooms for the senior citizens. The entire exterior of the church was remodeled with brick and floor of the sanctuary renovated with hardwood. District Elder Purnell's slogan is "reach for the stars"; he is a man concerned with making progress in God.

WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH. . . . .
(Proverbs 29:18)

DISTRICT ELDER & SISTER JESTER PURNELL & CHILDREN

1st Row: Marsha Jean & William Sloan. 2nd Row: (Left to Right) Rhonda Renea, Darrell, Karen Antionette, Jester Glenn, Waleeta Lynn.



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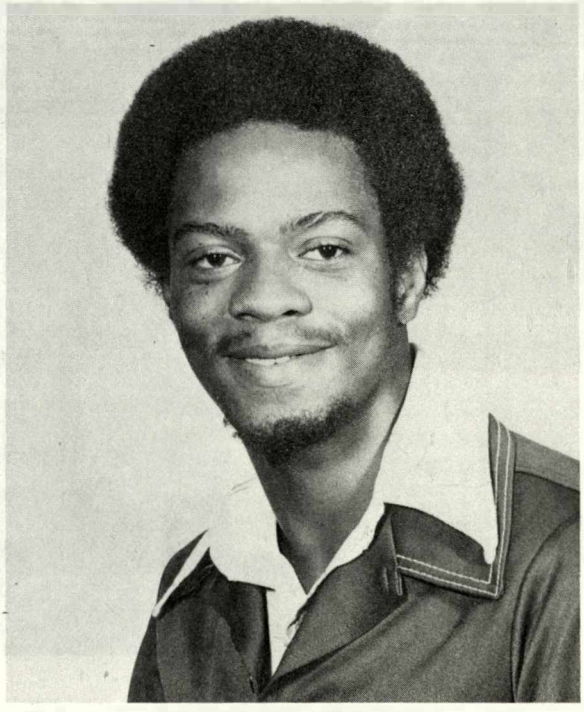

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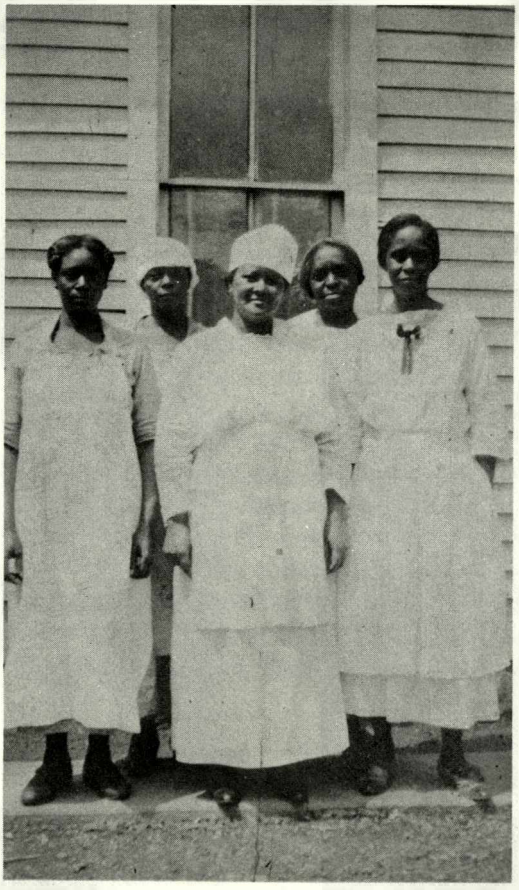
This is the first Bethlehem Temple Church located at South 13th and Washington Street. The above picture is a Bible Conference entitled "Before the Foundation of the World. Elder G. T. Haywood, 1924.

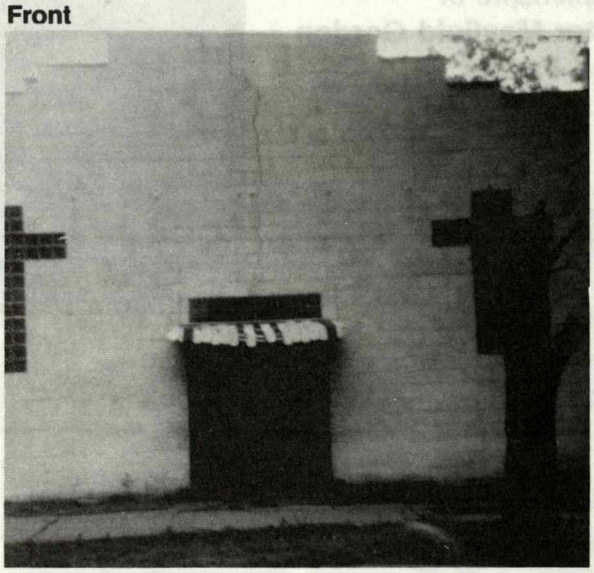


Phase of Development

Annual Convention, 1940
Rev. C. Moore, Pastor

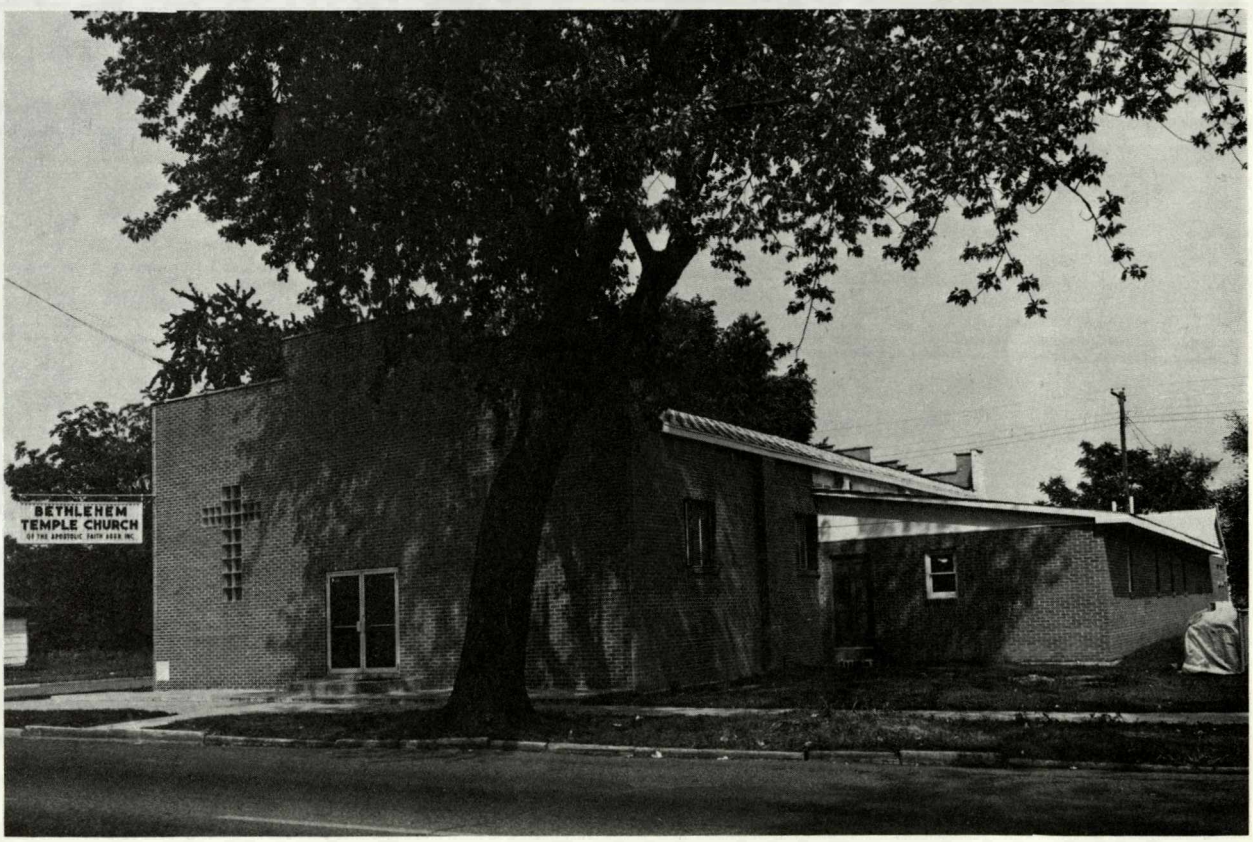
Church before the remodeling and new addition

Front



Right side of church

District Elder Purnell's daughter Karen

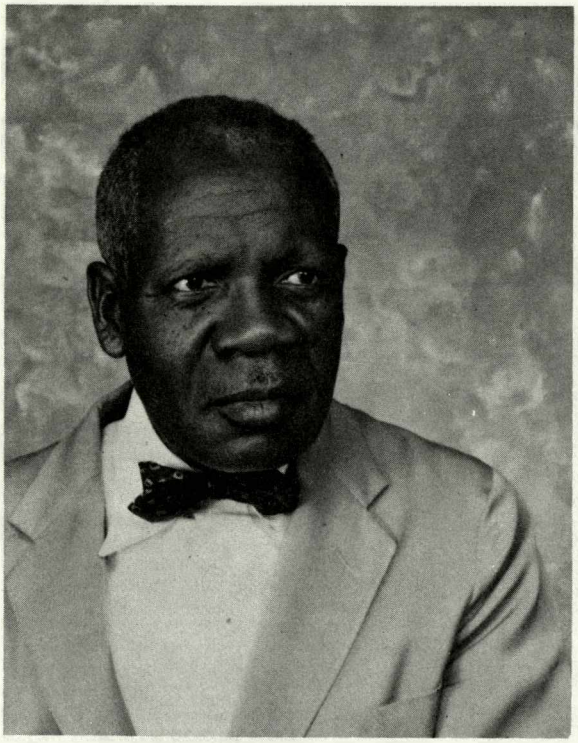


Church Completion

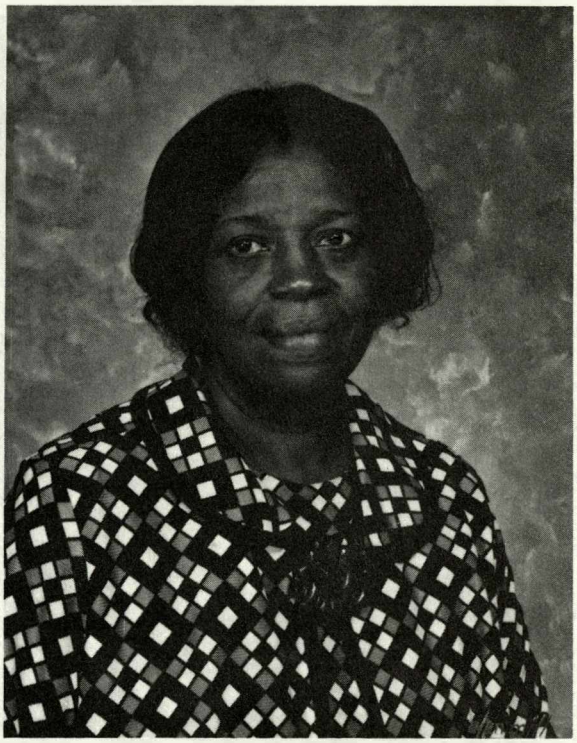
Mother
Lucy
Gordon

Compliments of
Elder and Sister Mayfield Gordon and Family

Mother
Isabell
Love



Elder Mayfield Gordon



Sister Elizabeth Gordon

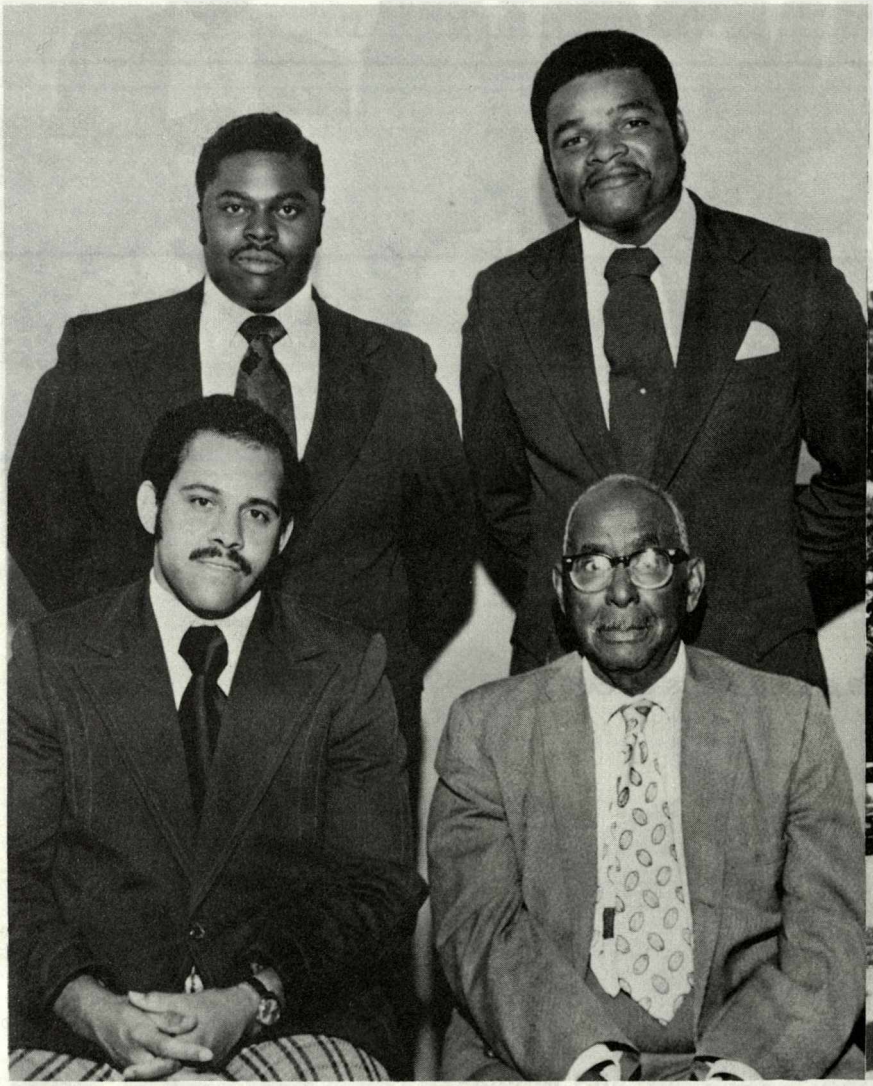
Children: Phyllis, Hubert, Gwen, Opal, Marilyn, Charlotte, Judie, Frieda, Carmen, Grace, Ivan, Chris.

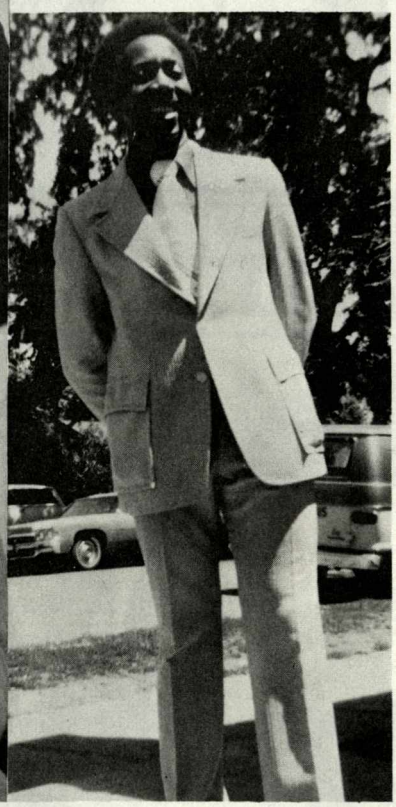
Grandchildren: Toy, Tami, Tierrey, Eric, Kim, Janell, Brent, Robert.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.

PSl 133:1

DEACONS





Left seated: Minister John Davis, Brother John Baker, Brother Howard Lewis, Minister Gary Frazier, Brother Walter Gordon (inset).

We are servants of God and the people.

Deacons and Wives

From Left: Brother & Sister Howard Lewis, Brother & Sister Gary Frazier, Brother & Sister John Davis Jr., Brother & Sister John D. Baker, Brother & Sister Walter Gordon, (inset).

DEACONS AND TRUSTEES

"Lord help us to be wise in our decisions."

Left seated--Minister John Davis Jr., Brother John Baker, Brother Clarence Dunn, Elder Tyree Gordon. Left standing--Brother Howard Lewis, Brother Jerry Samuels, Minister Gary Frazier, Brother Donald Simmons, Brother Walter Gordon, (inset).

THE BETHLEHEM TEMPLE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

"For we are laborers together with God:" . . . .

I Cor. 3:9

Standing from left: Sister Helen Adams, Elder Tyree Gordon, Brother Marshall Thompson, Brother Sylvester Hammond, Brother Squire Thompson, Brother Denny Thompson, Brother Jerry Samuels, Sister Carmen Gordon. Seated: Sister Rosetta Lyle, (Home Missions Chairman), Sister Opal Gordon, Sister Marie Russell, (Foreign Missions Chairman), Evangelist Ida Nolan, Sister Elizabeth Gordon, Sister Kelly Flowers.

We board our church bus twice monthly to visit Nursing Homes, Hospitals and residences of the sick and shut-in. Our meetings are held on Thursday nights weekly and on second Sunday afternoons monthly.

We are laborers together in Home and Foreign Missions. We also visit and fellowship with our churches in surrounding areas. "Blest Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Christian Love!!!"

Sister Elizabeth Gordon, President
Minister Sylvester Hammond, Vice Chairman
Sister Kelly Flowers, Secretary
Sister Helen Adams, Assistant and Corresponding
Evangelist Ida Nolan, Treasurer

BETHLEHEM TEMPLE CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS

Pictured are: Sister Grace Gordon, Sister Marguerite Sims, Sister Carmen Gordon, Sister Elizabeth Gordon, Sister Avester Baker, Brother Walter Gordon, Brother Howard Lewis, Brother Darrell Purnell, Brother Ivan Gordon, Sister Ida Nolan, Brother John Davis, Sister Ruth Lewis, Brother Gary Frazier, Sister Rachel Lewis, and District Elder Jester Purnell.

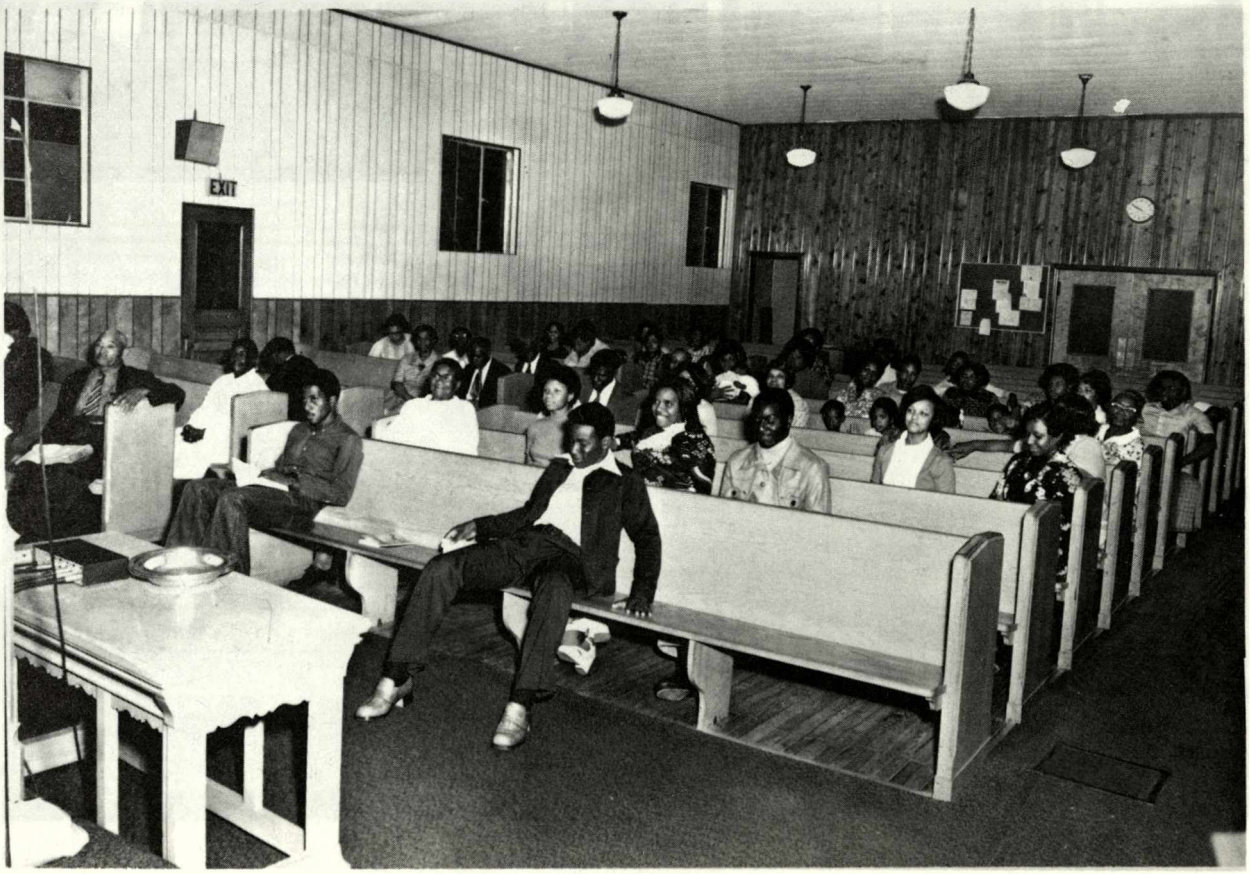
ADULT NUMBER TWO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS "LOADLIFTERS"

Sister Elizabeth Gordon teacher, issues talents to class members. The one talent (one dollar) is to be used to gain other talents for the benefit of the church building fund. Also, the Loadlifters class aids our beloved leader and Pastor in any project or endeavor Bethlehem Temple Church pursues.

Class Theme Song--"REAPERS ARE NEEDED"

CHORUS: *"Lift thine eyes and look upon the field that stands--Ripe and ready for the willing gleaners hand--Rouse ye, O sleepers ye are needed as reapers And the golden harvest days are passing by!!*

BIBLE CLASS IN ACTION: AUGUST 4, 1976



BETHLEHEM TEMPLE
RADIO CHOIR

Dir. Sister Dianne Lyle Washington
Asst. Director Brother Michael Lyle

"We have come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord."

CHURCH MUSICIANS

SISTER CARMEN GORDON
ORGANIST

OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS

Sister. E. Gordon, Pianist
Sister M. Gordon, Organist and Pianist
Brother M. Thompson, Drummer
Brother M. Lyle, Pianist and Organist
Sister C. Gordon, Organist and Pianist
Brother D. Purnell, Drummer
Brother I. Gordon, Guitarist
Brother S. Hammond, Guitarist
Brother F. Tichenor, Violinist

We thank God for our fine staff of musicians who give so unselfishly of their time and talents. May they ever use their gifts to the glory of God.

SISTER ELIZABETH GORDON
PIANIST

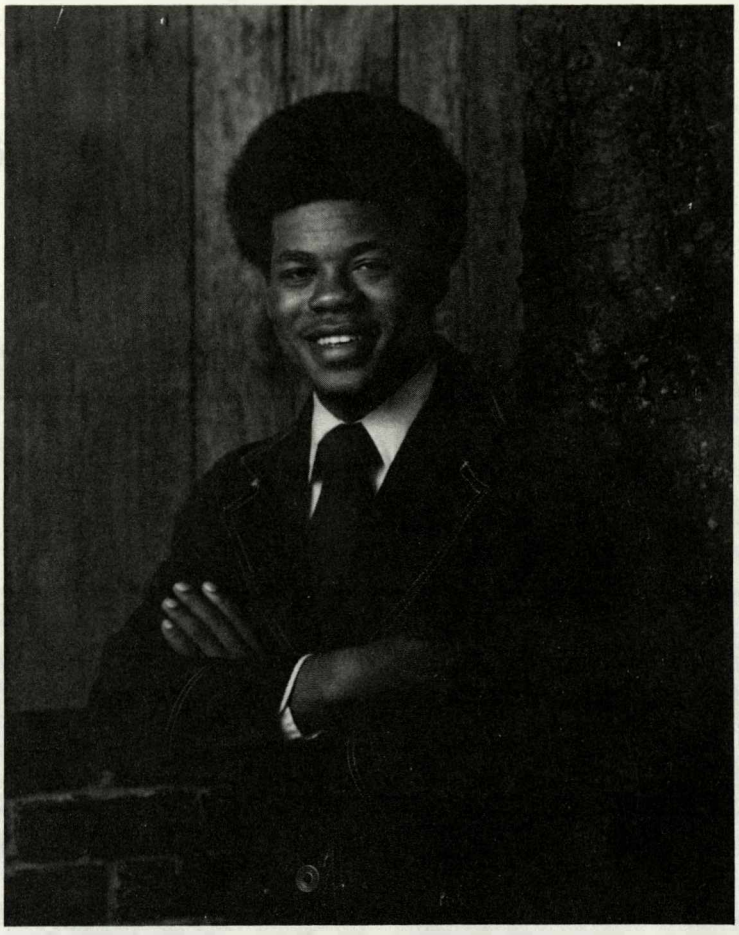
Compliments of

THE BETHLEHEM TEMPLE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

CHAIRMAN: SISTER JUNE GORDON
ASST. CHAIRMAN: SISTER MARGURITE SIMS

"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth" . . . Everyone is invited to attend youth meetings each Monday Night at 8 p.m.

Drummer--Bass Guitarist



Pianist--Organist

Compliments of **Brother Ivan R. Gordon--Church Musician**

God has given me a desire to praise Him through the playing of various musucal instruments. I thank Him for the deep love for music which He put in me at a very young age. My desire is to ever keep on lifting His name through playing music and through song.

BETHLEHEM TEMPLE CHURCH
1432 So. 13th St.
Terre Haute, Ind.
District Elder Jester Purnell, Pastor

Compliments of

BROTHER & SISTER WALTER GORDON & ROSALYN JUNAE

Jesus is the best thing that ever happened to us. We are confident, that with the help of God, we shall make heaven our home.

BETHLEHEM TEMPLE CHURCH

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Presiding Bishop of the P.C. of AF Assn., Inc.

Elder C. Gordon--Asst. pastor
Elder D. Sorrells--Asst. pastor
Elder J. Johnson--Asst. pastor

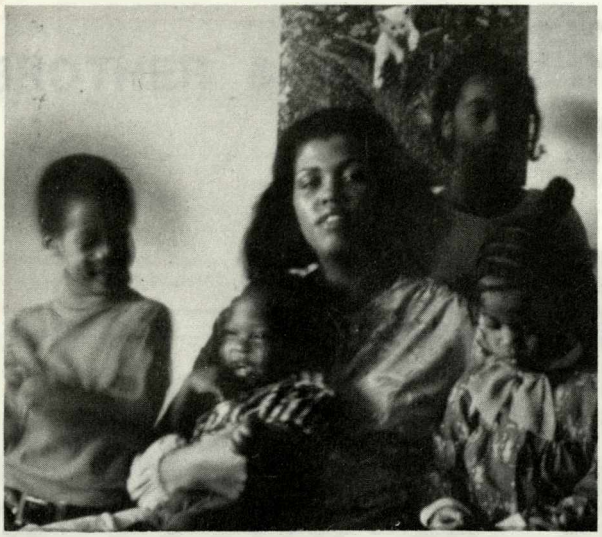
Sun. School Supt.--Elder Clarence Gordon
Missionary Chairman--Minister William Johnson
Young Peoples' Chairman--Elder D. Sorrells
Chairman of Usher Board--
Deacon E. Lewis
Chairman of Official Board--
Deacon Mose Sesy

Order of Service

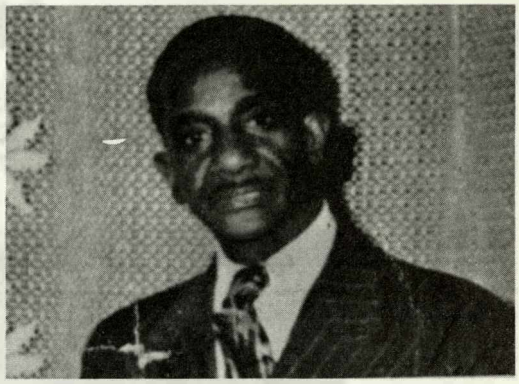
Tues. Bible Class	8:00 p.m.
Wed. Young People	8:00 p.m.
Thurs. Missionary	8:00 p.m.
Fri. Saints Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Sun. Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service	11:30 a.m.
Evening Service	8:00 p.m.
Broadcast	10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Lord help me to walk "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love," that my children may see Christ in me.

Eph. 4:2



Love to Bethlehem Temple Church
Sister Diana C. Hart, Sister Valerie, and Brian, Laurel, Steven Hart



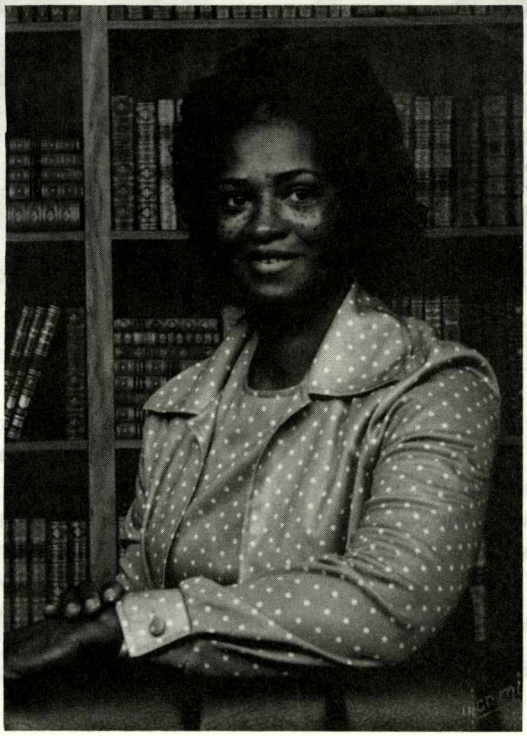
Former Pastor
Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church
District Elder Samuel Barnes

In memory of my father in the Gospel.
From: District Elder Jester Purnell

Wisdom is the Principal thing; therefore get Wisdom:

Prov. 4-7

Wisdom is the principal thing--We the Saints of God are a blessed people, we are privileged to come within the walls of our great edifices to worship in praise and adoration, in spirit and truth.



The scripture declares--"the Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth" (Prov. 3-19), the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."—"In all thy getting, get understanding."

And with all thy getting, get understanding.

— Sister Vivian Purnell —

ELDER ESAU BAKER AND WIFE

SISTER ALBERTA WARE

Words cannot express my sincere love and affection to two of the most beautiful parents in the world. As a minister of God, my father, and mother, worked and prayed long hours and encouraged me in the way of salvation and truth and making me what I am today.

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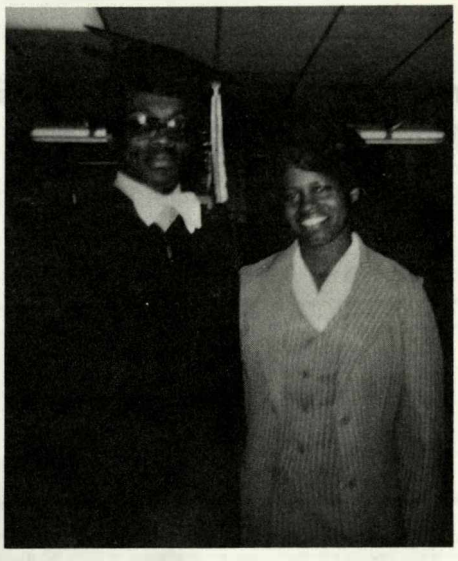
God Has Smiled On Us

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my bucker, and the horn of my salvation, and high tower.

Psalm 18:2



May the peace of God rest upon Bethlehem Temple Church.

Love to you from: Minister Sylvester Hammond & Sister Helen Adams.

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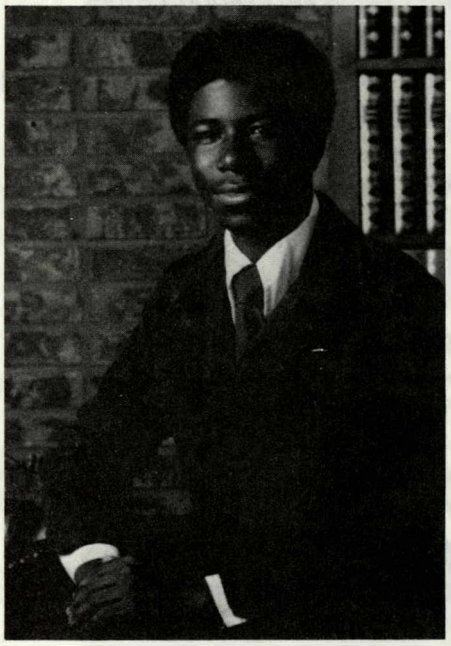
Minister Gary Frazier and Sister Elizabeth Frazier, their sons Gary Wayne, 6 yrs., and Eric Kevin, 1 1/2 months.

Brother Frazier and I were both filled with the Holy Ghost on Dec. 26, 1963. We love the Lord and want to live a life before our sons that they will someday be inspired to make Jesus their choice.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

Psalms 1:1



Compliments
from
the "Bell"
Minister Quentin Isabell

3. *Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.*
4. *Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*
5. *Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*
34. *Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.*
37. *Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.*

Psalm 37:3-5, 34, 37

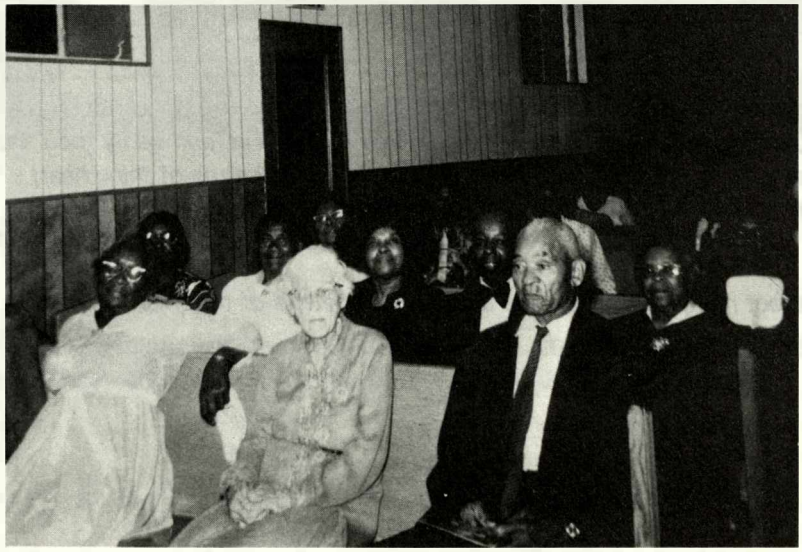
In Memory of
Our Loving Father

Elder Theo Simmons

Compliments of

Brother & Sister Don Simmons

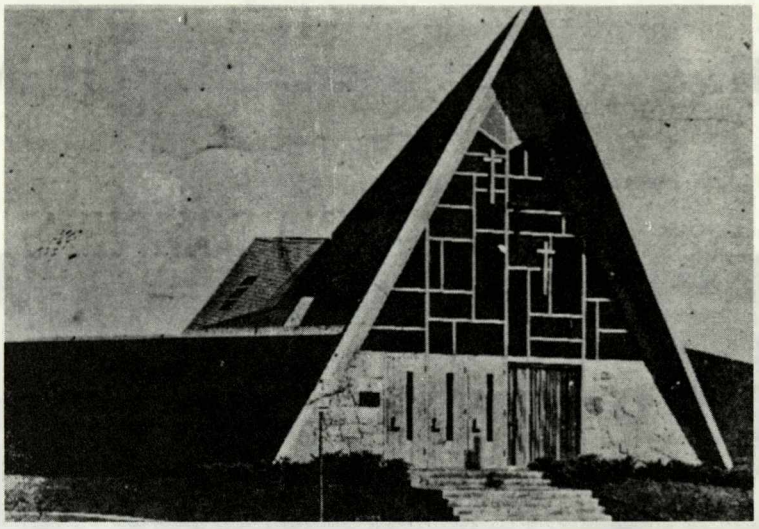
Senior Members of Bethlehem Temple Church



I said, days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

Job 32:7

Our Compliments



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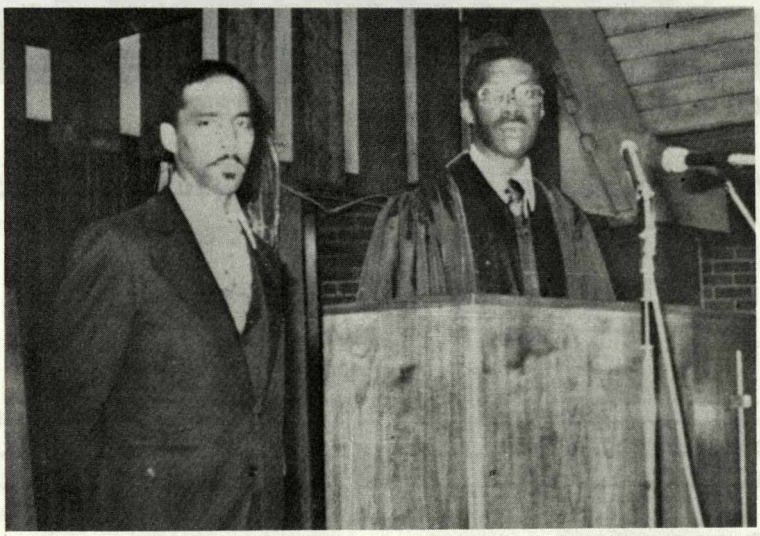

ELDER WARREN J. HOARD
Assistant Pastor

BISHOP D. RAYFORD BELL
Pastor

Order of Service

SUNDAY
- Sunday School ..... 9:45 A.M.
- Worship Service ..... 12:00 Noon
- Joy Nite (Youth Dept.) & Evangelistic Service ..... 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY
- Prayer Meeting & Ministers Alliance ..... 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY
- Missionary & Prayer Meeting ..... 9:00-12:00 Noon
- Bible Study ..... 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY
- Choir Rehearsal ..... 8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY
- Saints Instruction ..... 8:00 P.M.

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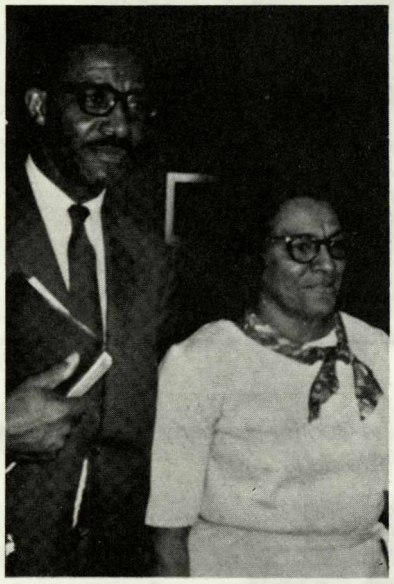


BISHOP & SISTER JAMES O. FRANKLIN

"Oh magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt His name together"

Order of Service

Sunday
- Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship ..... 11:45 a.m.
- Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

Monday
- Prayer & Praise ..... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Morning
- Prayer Meeting ..... 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

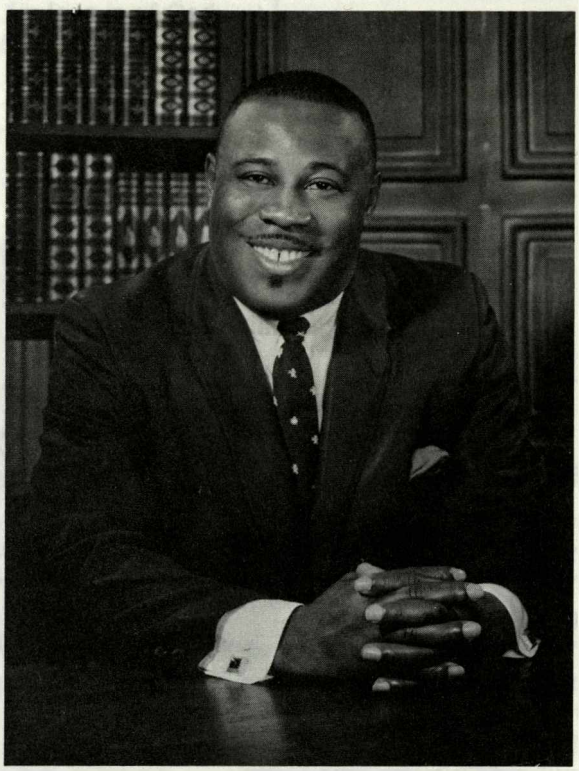
Wednesday Night
- Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

Friday Afternoon
- Bible Study ..... 1:00 p.m.

Friday Night
- Saints Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.

Second Sunday Afternoon
- Young Peoples Meeting ..... 4:00 p.m.

BISHOP JAMES O. FRANKLIN
Pastor



DISTRICT ELDER JESSIE JAMES
Pastor

Bethlehem Temple Church
1572 East 66 & Lexington Streets
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Our Order of Services

Our Radio Broadcast (Station WABQ).....8:45 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Services.....12:30 p.m.
Evangelistic Service.....7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night.....Prayer and Missionary
Friday Night.....Bible Class & Saints Meeting
Taught by Pastor

You are invited to visit our Church located in the heart of the Ghetto--15 minutes from downtown Cleveland.

Our Church Telephone Numbers:
361-0960 — 391-9336

We are asking God to continue to bless us in our endeavor to win souls and hearts of men and women out of the word of God.

Acts 2:38: Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Greetings from

VICTORY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

8053 South May Street
Chicago, Illinois 60620

DISTRICT ELDER REESE PRICE, JR.
Pastor

Order of Services

Sunday School	**9:45 A.M.**
Morning Worship	**11:45 A.M.**
Evening Service	**7:30 P.M.**
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesday	**7:30 P.M.**
Bible Class	
Wednesday	**7:30 P.M.**
Apostolic Teaching	
Friday	**8:00 P.M.**

ALL PHONES
(312) 723-1071

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

I John 4:7

Compliments of:
Brother Webster Smith and Sister Ava Blankenbaker.

Psalm 95:1
O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Psalm 106:1

God surely is good to me.
To Bethlehem Temple Church
Sister Loretta Kay Young

Create In Me

A mind to always walk upright, That I might be holy in Thy sight. A heart pure and clean and free from doubt, For the fearful thou will surely cast out. A voice singing melody to Thy praise, That the world may know that Jesus saves. Hands that are swift to do Thy will, That Thy blessings on my soul will spill. Feet that lead me not astray, But guideth me daily in Thy way. A body free from sin and shame, That I may be worthy to be called by Thy name. Create these in me; Oh Lord I pray, For thou are the potter and I am the clay.

Written by
Sister Frieda
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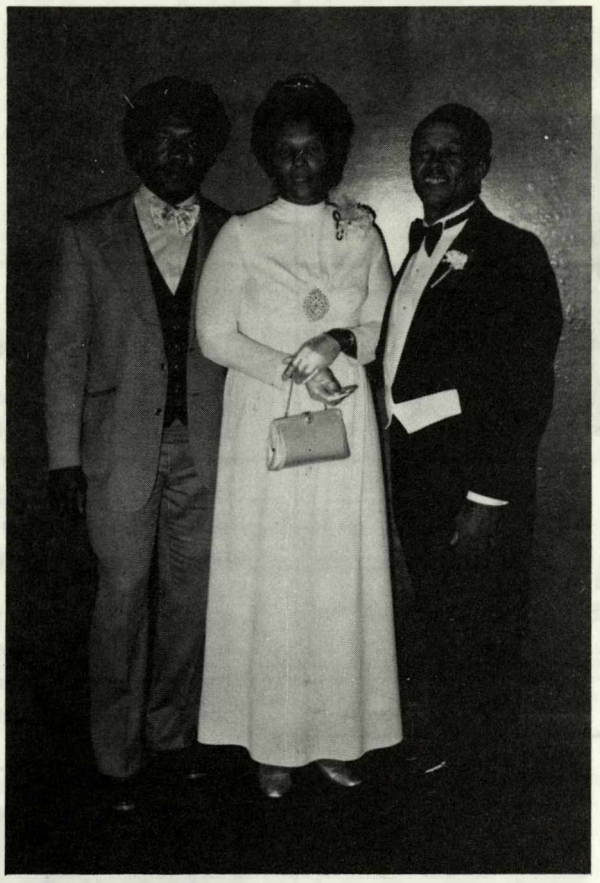
By the grace of God I continue to this day!



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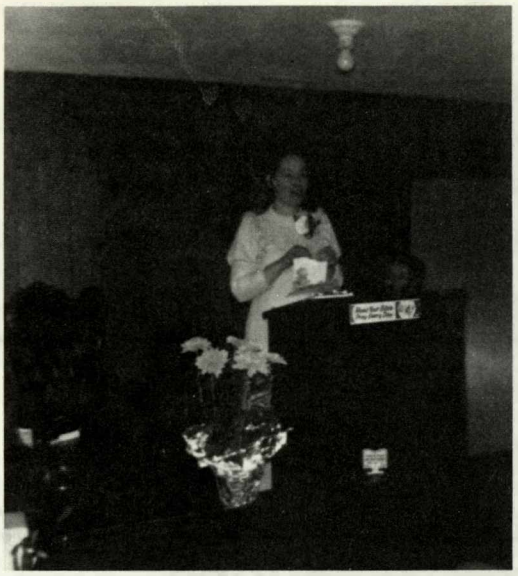

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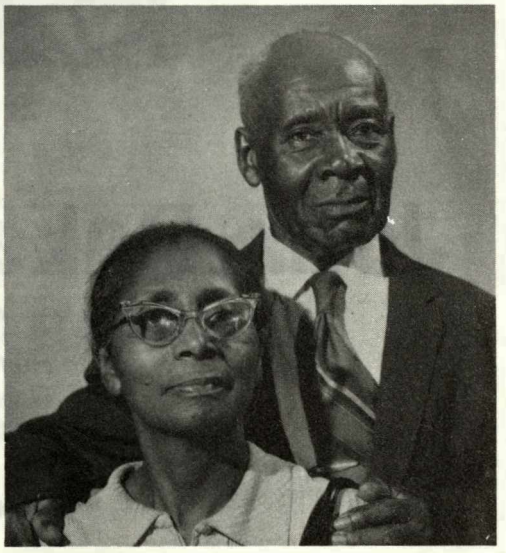

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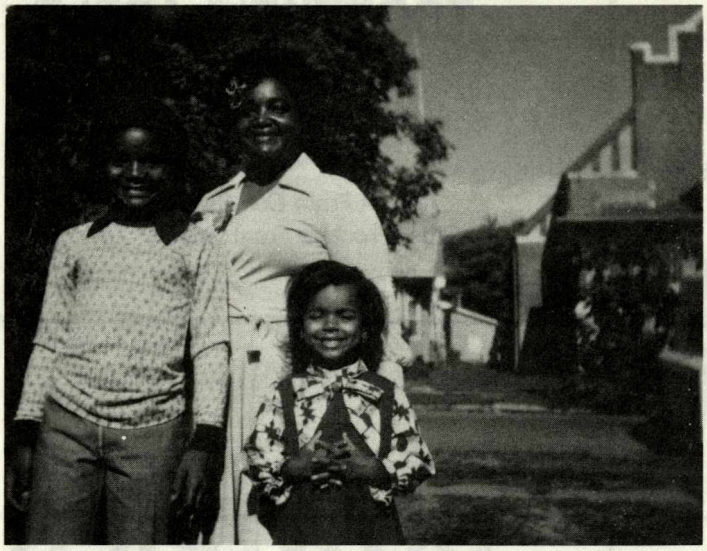

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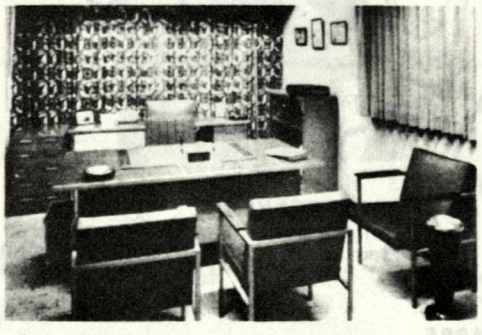

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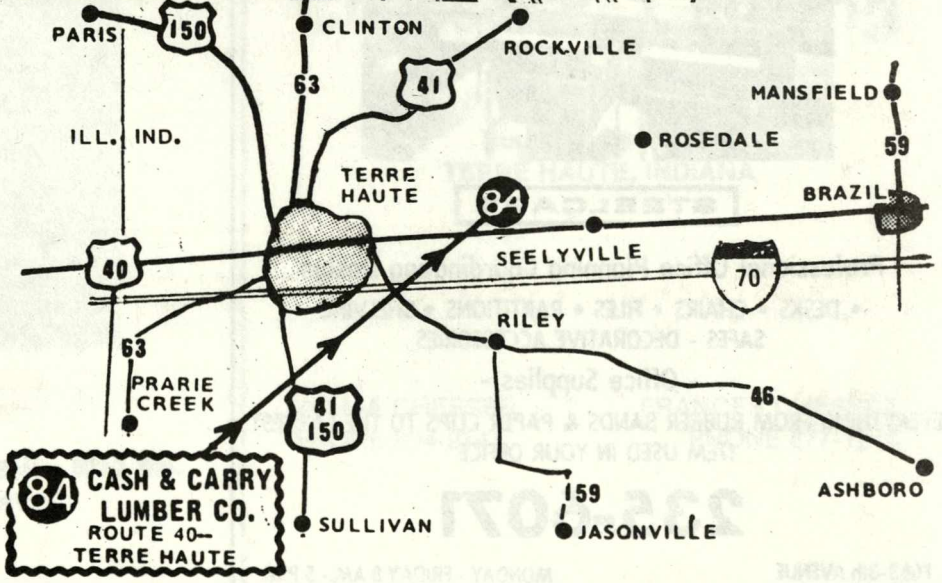

"Let everything that hath breath Praise the Lord."

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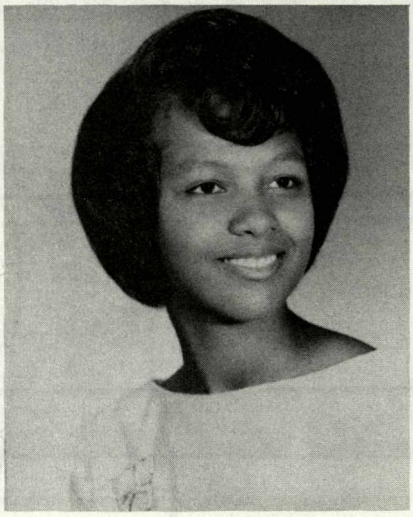

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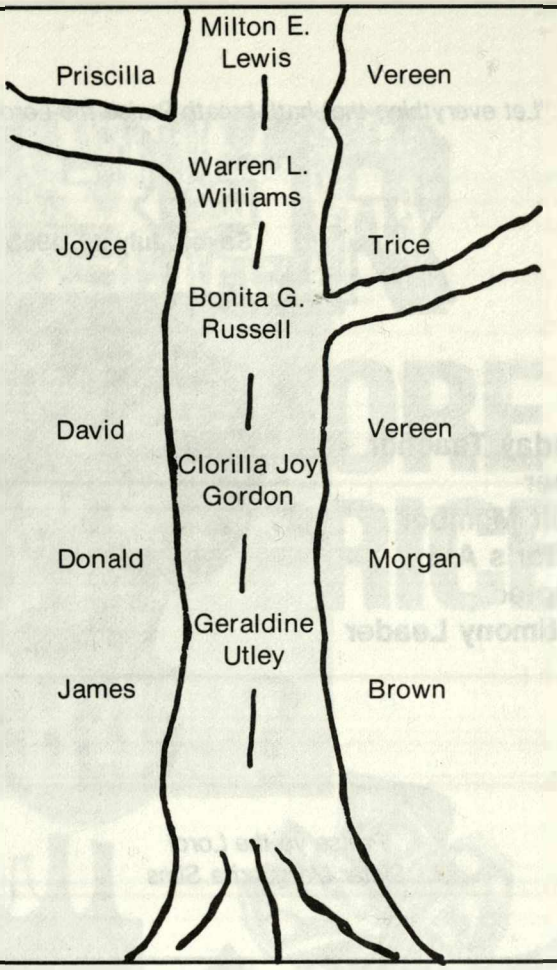

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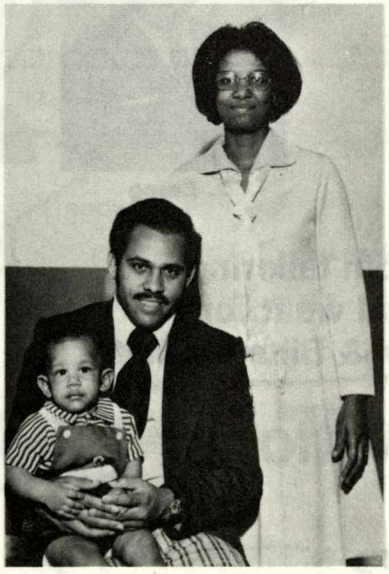

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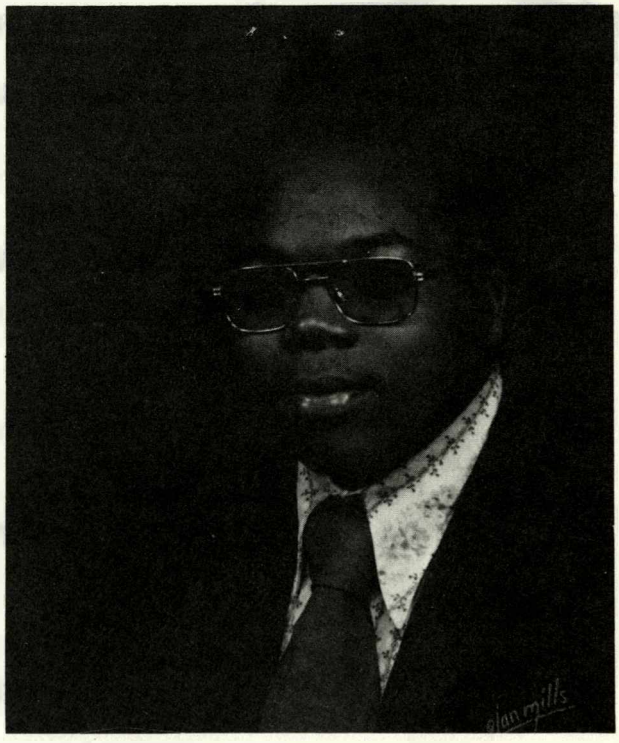

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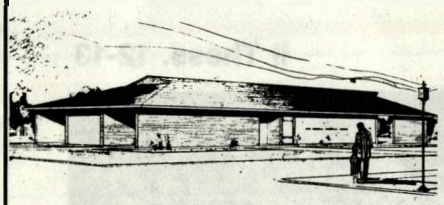

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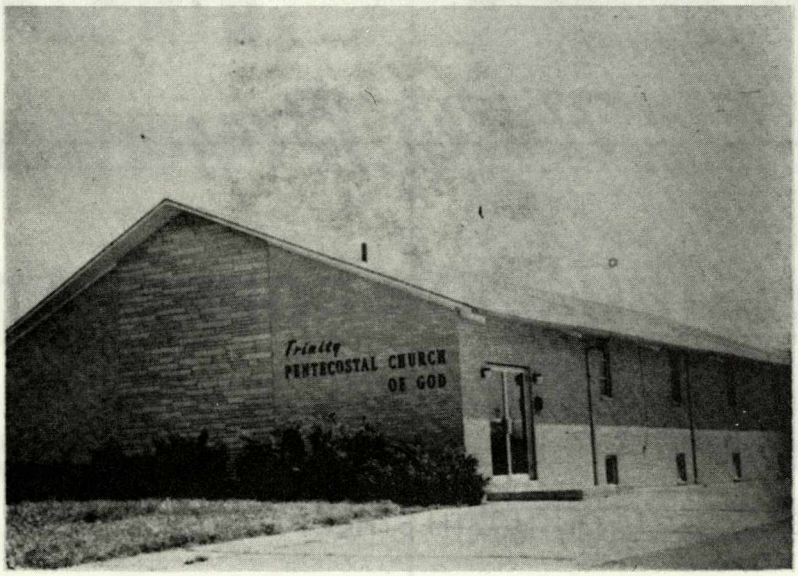

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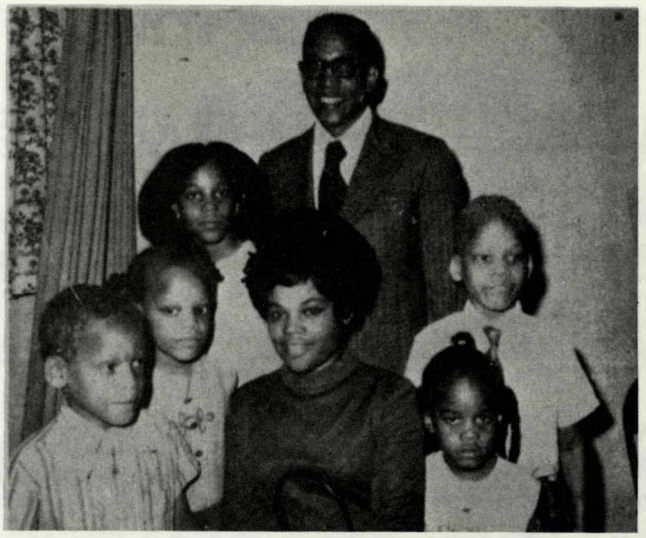

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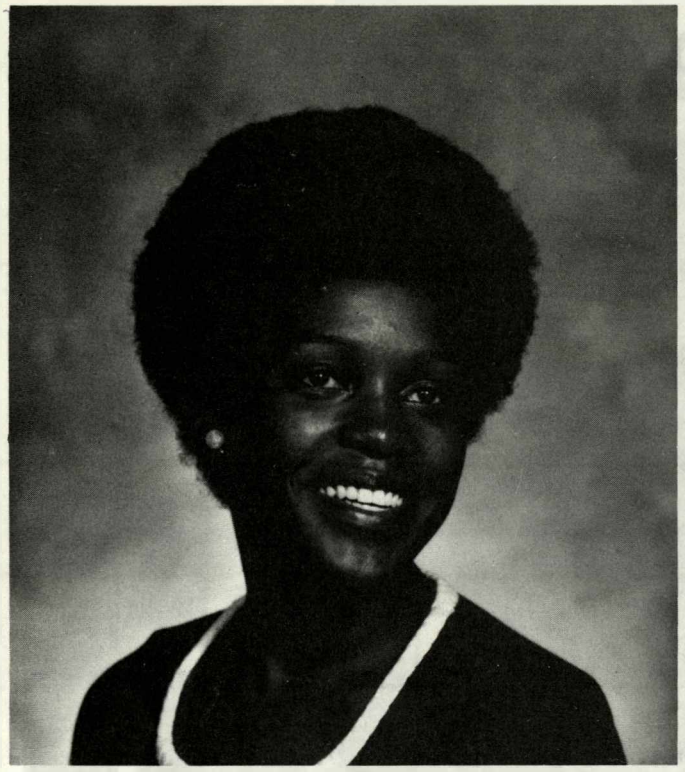

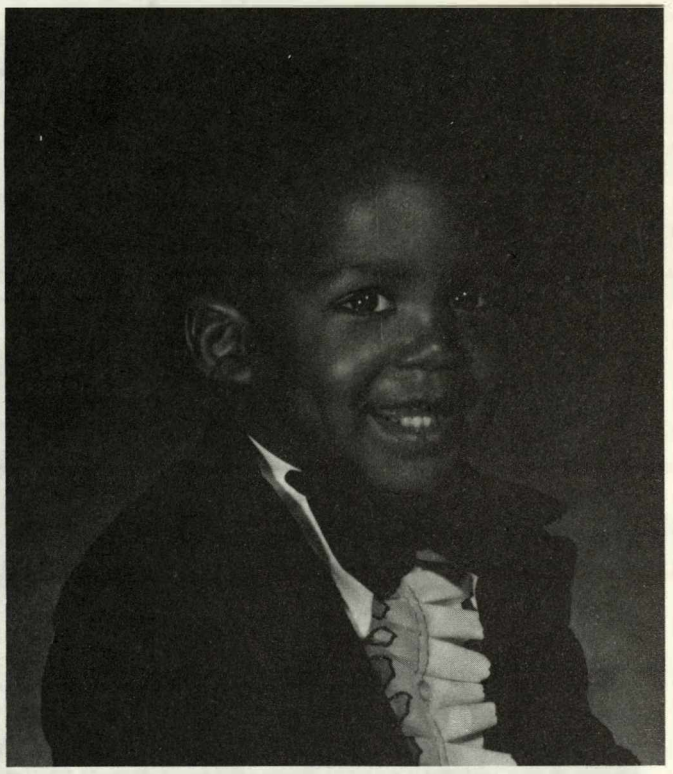

By God's grace I strive to hold on and obtain that crown of glory.

Sister Ben Evea Adams and son Damon

1. I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications. **2.** Because He hath inclined ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. **3.** The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of Hell got hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. **4.** Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. **5.** Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. **6.** The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me. **7.** Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. **8.** For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. **9.** I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. **13.** I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

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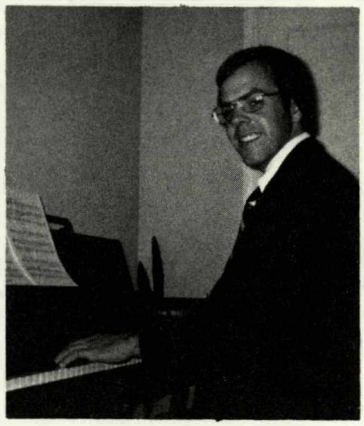

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